

SUPPORT WILFLEY

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—President Roosevelt and Secretary Root strongly defend Judge Wilfley of Shanghai, now in this city on his case, who is charged with maintenance of office by Attorney F. M. Brooks and others.

POLICE CHIEF IS MURDERED BY ANARCHISTS

CHICAGO, March 2.—Chief of Police Shippey was this morning shot and killed by an anarchist who entered the home of his son and wounded a coachman who endeavored to resist his entrance.

NO DELAY FOR NEW LAW

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission has decided to deny the various petitions for a delay in complying with the nine-hour law.

GUATEMALA MINISTER

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—William Heinke of Kansas has been nominated Minister to Guatemala.

GUTTER ORDINANCE IS KNOCKED OUT

McCANDLESS WINS HIS APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT—ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE COUNTY IS HELD TO BE IN CONFLICT WITH A TERRITORIAL STATUTE ALREADY IN FORCE—

The "gutter ordinance" was knocked out this morning by decision of the Supreme Court, in the case of L. L. McCandless and James Armstrong, who were fined in the District Court for refusal to comply with the ordinance and took an appeal to test the matter. The Supreme Court, in a decision written by Chief Justice Hartwell, holds that the ordinance conflicts with a Territorial law on the subject, and also covers the same ground and is therefore void.

The syllabus sets forth in brief the grounds of the decision, as follows:

"Under legislative authority to regulate all local police, sanitary and other regulations not in conflict with the general laws of the Territory, a county has no power to prohibit by ordinance an act already made penal by Territorial statute.

"Ordinance 9 of the County of Oahu, relating to gutters on awnings, is void as conflicting with R. L. Sec. 959 covering the same subject."

Deputy Attorney General W. L. Whitney appeared for the prosecution and A. G. M. Robertson for the defendants.

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PEARL HARBOR

HOW THE SITUATION LOOKED
TO THE DELEGATE ON THE 15TH
OF LAST MONTH.

The following letter from Delegate Kuhio, reviews the Pearl Harbor situation before a reconsideration was had of the decision against an appropriation:

Washington, Feb. 18, 1908.
Editor of The Hawaiian Star:—The decisive factor that crowded the Pearl Harbor item out of the Naval Appropriation bill was the decrease in the national revenues and the fixed determination of the leaders in Congress to limit the appropriations at this session preceding the Presidential election.

The Naval Committee were instructed to cut down the submitted estimates over twenty-three millions of dollars; under such conditions new items are almost inevitably sacrificed, and that is precisely what occurred.

Another factor was the well known situation existing at present, that owing to political considerations, the desire of the President to see particular legislation enacted has not thus far met with a cordial response by Congress during the present session.

Inquiry of our friends on the committees shows that the President has sent no written communication to either of the naval committees on the subject of Pearl Harbor, his support thus far being limited to personal conversations with certain members of Congress.

The President did address a personal letter, on Pearl Harbor and fortifications, to Senator Warren, but the latter is not a member of the Naval Committee.

I greatly regret that a newspaper campaign for Pearl Harbor was not provided for in December. We had some very strong support in the Naval Committee, and I believe that a demand for the development of Pearl Harbor by some of the leading newspapers of the mainland might well have exerted an influence sufficiently strong to have secured favorable action by the Committee.

Since the final draft of the naval bill was completed, we have been conferring with our friends in Congress and in the Navy Department as to what line of effort would make it most possible to force action on Pearl Harbor by the present session of Congress. I already have assurances of help from some very influential members; we have also consulted the Speaker, and believe that he favors action on Pearl Harbor to a certain extent.

As a result of the forces set in motion since the bill was closed up one week ago, I was today advised by two members of the committee that an effort would be made to have the subject again taken up by the Committee this week.

Some of our friends on the Committee advise that in order to enlist certain eastern support, provision be made for a steel floating dry dock, to be manufactured in the east, and assembled on Pearl Harbor. They argue further that such a dock could be completed and installed within two years, whereas masonry dry docks have all required from seven to ten years to complete. Inasmuch as such an authorization would establish a naval base and necessitate the channel improvement, and as it would be followed by the building of a graving dock later, it may become advisable for us to line up our friends for that proposition in order to secure any action at all.

The one purpose of our campaign is to secure action at the present session of Congress; the plan of campaign will have to be shaped and reshaped as sentiment within the Congress can be developed and as the changing situation itself dictates. If no action at all is secured in the House, we shall then endeavor to have our item inserted in the Senate.

The cable estimate of Capt. Otwell on Pearl Harbor channel amounts to about \$2,000,000 as the cost of a 39-foot channel, and \$2,600,000 for a 35-foot channel. These amounts are so far in excess of what the General Board had themselves calculated upon, that the navy officials are greatly disappointed; they recognize that this heavy initial cost will greatly increase the difficulty in having Congress undertake the work, since it amounts to more than the total appropriations for the Puget Sound Navy Yard during the first eleven years of its existence.

Although the naval bill was closed nine days ago, it will not be reported to the House for some days yet. As the Pearl Harbor item is new legislation,

INSIST ON ROOSEVELT



THEODORE ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, February 16.—"I am honestly and sincerely for Secretary Taft for the republican presidential nomination, and I am proud to be a republican of Tennessee," still instruct their delegates for him, but conditions are such that I cannot help feeling that when the great, thrilling moment comes at Chicago, President Roosevelt will be renominated. It will be exceedingly difficult to stop such an outcome."

So stated Representative Hale of Tennessee, who visited the President today on other than political matters. Mr. Hale is part of the Tennessee organization that was preparing to put through early third term re-election before the President reiterated for the last time his intention not to accept another nomination from his party. Following that there was a period when the Tennesseans were much at sea. Recently the organization leaders have all committed themselves for Taft and have been working for him.

Mr. Hale went on to tell a story. "A party down in my state went fishing with dynamite, which is against the law. They would hitch the explosive to a stick, set the stick floating in the river, light the fuse and then

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PRATT APPEALS

LAND DEPARTMENT WILL FIGHT
THE DECISION IN THE HAPAI
CASE AT HILO.

Notice of appeal by the Territory has been entered in the Supreme Court by Attorney General Hemenway, E. W. Sutton and Harry Irwin, attorneys for respondent in the case of G. W. A. Hapai vs. James W. Pratt, Land Commissioner. Papers in the case were this morning received from Hilo where the case was tried before Judge C. F. Parsons, of the Fourth Circuit.

This is the case in which Judge Hapai sued for a patent to an Olia lot which he claims to have "homesteaded." The Land Commissioner claims that he did not make a bona fide residence on the land, but lived all the time in Hilo where he is district magistrate. It was shown that Hapai built a house and kept a Chinaman on it, and spent his Saturdays, Sundays and holidays there, "weather, and health permitting," although he owns a home in Hilo and registered as a voter there.

Judge Parsons found for the petitioner and ordered a patent for the land to issue to him. Land Commissioner Pratt claims that if the higher courts sustain the decision it will demoralize the homestead laws, and frustrate their intent to prevent their being held by residents.

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PROBLEM OF IWILEI

QUESTION OF REGULATIONS BE-
ING DISCUSSED BY THE MINIS-
TERIAL ASSOCIATION.

The problem of Iwilei is being taken up again. On Saturday night a committee of the Territorial grand jury visited the district, and this afternoon the Ministerial Association is holding a meeting to consider the subject.

Iwilei is said to be pretty orderly and quiet just now, but this is due to police and Board of Health surveillance. The matter is being discussed with a view to ascertaining whether it is advisable to attempt more active work to suppress the evil, which is thought by some to be too open and notorious.

SUGAR FACTORS.

At the meeting of the Sugar Factors' Co. Ltd. this morning, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: S. M. Damon, president; J. P. Cooke, second vice president; George Robertson, treasurer; Frank C. Atherton, secretary and manager, and W. P. Posenhauer, auditor.

KEPOIKAI - ALLS.

Judge Kepoikai was a caller on Governor Peary for an extended conference this morning. The talk was no doubt regarding the matter of his re-appointment to the Circuit Court, although the Governor had nothing to say on the matter afterwards.

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Business Men Of Honolulu Look To Pearl Harbor

HAPID TRANSIT COMPANY CONSIDERING EXTENSION OF ITS SYSTEM AND MERCHANTS MAY ESTABLISH BRANCHES AT PROPOSED NAVAL STATION SITE—THE LABOR QUESTION ALSO TAKEN UP BY REPRESENTATIVE MEN OF HONOLULU.

In view of the Pearl Harbor proposition will advocate, is to ask the government to allow transports to carry Americans here, if it develops that there is employment for them, at the nominal rates charged for transportation on such vessels. The plan is for the Promotion Committee to take in hand the work of applying the labor, and with transportation afforded, the task of getting laborers would be easy. Both the Merchants' Association and the Chamber of Commerce, it is said, will take up the matter of asking the Navy Department to make a rule of employing citizen labor only.

GRAND SCENE IN "CRYSTAL PALACE"

The ladies of the Kihuna Art League and many outsiders are busy putting on the finishing touches to the decorations for the Mardi Gras ball which is to be given tomorrow night in the old fish market, which has been recently renamed the Crystal Palace.

The whole building has been entirely transformed into a scene of festivity, as several hundred flags have been used to make the interior look like a fairy land. The decorations in the supper room and the promenade are to be yellow, green and red, while the decorations along the sides back of the boxes are to be green and red.

The mauka end where the reserved seats are is to be in red and yellow, while at the entrance and the outside of the dressing rooms the several colors of the league will be used in profusion. On the outside of the building a canopy has been erected which will be lighted with hundreds of different colored electric lights. On each side of the entrance are the dressing rooms S. G. Wilder, Mr. D. Howard Hiten and directly in front of these is the

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